

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-33 and 39 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the remaining claims as set forth below:

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Original) A nucleic acid molecule encoding a fusion protein comprising aa) the first N-terminal domain of the geneIII protein of filamentous phage and ab) a (poly)peptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid sequence comprised in a genomic DNA fragment or an expressed sequence tag (EST), wherein said nucleic acid molecule does not comprise a nucleic acid sequence encoding a signal sequence for the transport of the fusion protein to the periplasm of a bacterial host cell.

35. (Currently amended) A vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule of according to claim 34.

36. (Currently amended) The vector of according to claim 35 which is an expression vector.

37. (Currently amended) A host cell comprising a nucleic acid of according to claim 34 ~~or a vector of claims 35 or 36.~~

38. (Currently amended) The host cell of according to claim 37 which is an E.coli cell.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Original) A method for the expression of a (poly)peptide/protein comprising:

a) expressing a nucleic acid molecule encoding a fusion protein in a host cell under conditions that allow the formation of inclusion bodies comprising said fusion protein, wherein said fusion protein comprises

- aa) the first N-terminal domain of the geneIII protein of filamentous phage, and
- ab) said (poly)peptide/protein.

41. (Currently amended) The method ~~of~~ according to claim 40 further comprising the steps of

- b) isolating said inclusion bodies; and
- c) solubilising said fusion protein ~~under suitable conditions~~.

Please add the following claims:

- 42. (New) A host cell comprising a vector according to claim 35.
- 43. (New) A host cell comprising a vector according to claim 36.